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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR RADM JAMES C. DONALDSON, JRC

SUBJECT: Emergency Recovery of National Reconnaissance Program Satellite Re-entry Vehicles

I am concerned that we are vulnerable to the possibility of losing a re-entry vehicle which has to be brought down under an emergency and lands outside the area covered by our dedicated recovery units.

Therefore, I feel that it is necessary to have procedures available which would permit rapid collection and assessment of information and deployment of JCS directed assets to an emergency landing area when requested.

The NRO Satellite Contingency Plan presently covers re-entry over land areas; the plan envisioned here would cover re-entry primarily over the ocean areas of the world.

My Staff has prepared suggested procedures as a point of departure for your consideration. The NRO contact for this effort is [redacted] He will be pleased to work with you, and furnish additional information as required in the preparation of JCS procedures to carry out this contingency mission.

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F. Robert Naka

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